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EP 0 657 575 discloses that a top-class low-noise washing machine (1) with motor operating speeds of 25 to 2,000 revolutions per minute is obtained, with a washing drum (7) arranged horizontally, in that the drive motor (11) mounted on the outside (22) of the tub rear wall (15) drives the washing drum (7) directly as a brushless motor and is surrounded by an insulating cover (13) which is fastened to the tub rear wall (15). By means of the washing machine according to the invention, noise-level values of 47 dB during washing and of 59 dB during spinning can be achieved without any high outlay.

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